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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. Q56881

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre BONICEL

Appln. No. 09/448,606

Confirmation No.: 5230

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For: A STRUCTURALLY-REINFORCED CABLE FOR TRANSPORTING POWER
AND/OR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**PETITION TO RESET A PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN
OFFICE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §710.06**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An Office Action was issued in the above identified case on December 28, 2001.

However, the Office Action was received in the office of Applicant's representative on January 29, 2002. In view of the substantial portion of the set period for reply having elapsed prior to the date of receipt, Applicant hereby petitions to have the previously set time period for reply to the Office Action restarted. Applicants submit the following in support of the petition.

Applicants are filing the instant petition within two weeks of the actual date of receipt of the Office Action. A substantial portion of the set period for reply has elapsed prior to the date of receipt of the Office Action. The PTO mail date of the Office Action was December 28, 2001. However, the actual date of receipt of the Office Action was January 29, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Office Action cover page with the Sughrue Mion, PLLC Docketing

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Department stamped date of receipt. As a routine matter, mail received by Sughrue Mion, PLLC is first processed and date stamped by the Docketing Department upon its arrival.

Applicant believes that the Office Action may have been subjected to delay by the U.S. Postal Service as a result of recent extra precautions being taken by the U.S. Postal Service to screen mail passing through Washington D.C. Post Offices. Applicant further notes that the paper on which the Office Action is printed is a faded tan color, and that the paper is very fragile and easily crumbles at the slightest touch.

As provided for in MPEP §710.06, and in view of the above, Applicants respectfully petition to have the previously set time period for reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001 restarted.

It is not believed that any fees are due for the instant Petition. However, should it be determined that fees are required for the instant petition, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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